

## RRAD adds 65 vehicles to warfighter fleet

TEXARKANA, Texas — Red River Army Depot recognized a \$3.89 million cost avoidance in its High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle program during a Sept. 13 Ceremony at the depot.



*During a ceremony Sept. 13, Gen. Benjamin S. Griffin, AMC commanding general and Red River Army Depot Commander Col. Douglas J. Evans acknowledge the accomplishment of a \$3.89 million cost avoidance on the 2006 fiscal year production of HMMWVs at RRAD by a presentation to Steve Roberts, deputy program manager for TACOM-LCMC Light Tactical Vehicles.*

Steve Roberts, deputy program manager for TACOM, Life Cycle Management Command's Light Tactical Vehicles attended the ceremony on behalf of Brig. Gen. John Bartley, Program Executive Officer of Combat Support and Combat Service Support, and acknowledged the outstanding contribution of the depot workforce.

“The difference I see on my visit today is like night and day,” said Roberts to a large crowd of depot workers. “This year there have been 6700 vehicles shipped from Red River to the field. You have kept production costs down but your quality has remained superb. It is an honor to be here today.”

Also attending were Gen. Benjamin Griffin, commander, Army Materiel Command; Lt. Gen. Steven Boutelle, chief information officer for the Secretary of the Army; Ronald J. Davis, deputy chief of staff, Business Transformation, AMC, and Terry Edwards, chief information officer, AMC.

During the presentation ceremony, Col. Douglas J. Evans, RRAD commander, praised the dedication of the HMMWV production line. “This is a great day for Red River. Each day we all come to work and give a solid day’s work for the war fighter. Today’s ceremony is yet another example of the dedication of this great workforce,” said Evans.

During the implementation of the HMMWV production line numerous LEAN initiatives have been implemented resulting in a 70 percent improvement in production cost and a delivery flow time decrease by 75 percent. The production transformation also accomplished an 88 percent reduction in recordable accidents and a 99.7 percent positive customer service rate.

During the presentation, Griffin said, "Thank you for your great performance. You are OSD's (Office of Secretary of Defense) number one depot. The dedication and commitment of the Red River workforce is what makes Red River different."

Currently, with the applied efficiencies, the full potential for the HMMWV production line is 32 vehicles per day per shift with the capability to surge if required. At present, scheduled programs and funding call for 23 vehicles per day per shift. The recognized cost avoidance of \$3.89 million has allowed the Army to increase RRAD HMMWV production by 65 vehicles during the current fiscal year without an increase in program funding. This gives the war fighter in the field a 65 vehicle advantage to complete his mission.

In closing remarks Griffin said, "Keep up the good work, you make my job easy."

Red River's outstanding performance in the remanufacturing of HMMWV's has been recently recognized with two prestigious awards, The 2006 Silver Shingo Public Sector Award for Excellence in Manufacturing and the 2006 Secretary of Defense Robert T. Mason Depot Maintenance Excellence Award, DoD's single highest award for depot level maintenance.